

## Message Text

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SUBJ: JULY 4 ACTIVITIES IN MADAGASCAR; MESSAGE FOR PRESIDENT CARTER

1. EMBASSY'S FOURTY OF JULY RECEPTION WAS ATTENDED BY ONE MEMBER OF ALL POWERFUL SUPREME REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL AND THREE MINISTERS, INCLUDING INTERIM FOREIGN MINISTER WHO IS COVERING WHILE RICHARD IS IN USSR WITH PRESIDENT RATSIRAKA. ABOUT ONE OUT OF THREE MALAGASIES INVITED ATTENDED. LEVEL AND NUMBER OF ATTENDANCE IS ABOUTSAME AS LAST YEAR AND ABOUT AVERAGE FOR ALL WESTERN MISSIONS, EXCEPT FOR FRENCH WHICH USUALLY GETS LARGER TURNOUT.

2. ON MORNING OF JULY FOURTH FRENCH-LANGUAGE DAILY MADAGASCAR MATIN PUBLISHED INTERVIEW WHICH I GAVE TO ITS DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT. MOST OF INTERVIEW CONCERNS HISTORY OF RELATIONSHIP, TRADE FIGURES, CULTURAL RELATIONS, ETC., BUT I ALSO MADE IT A POINT TO SAY THAT LEVEL OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN US IS NOT DUE TO THE POLICIES PURSUED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF MADAGASCAR BUT TO CERTAIN INCIDENTS IN THE PAST AND TO CONCRETE PROBLEMS TO WHICH WE ARE SEEKING CONCRETE SOLUTIONS. I ALSO SPECIFIED THAT SETTLEMENT OF NASA QUESTIONS IS AWAITING AGTEEMENT ON DIVISION OF ASSETS AND AMOUNT OF FINAL "RENGAL" PAYMENT TO BE PAID TO MALAGASY AUTHORITIES.

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3. AT RECEPTION FOREIGN MINISTRY'S CHIEF OF PROTOCOL PERSONALLY HANDED ME THE FOURTH OF JULY MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT RATSIRAKA TO PRESIDENT CARTER. THE TEXT IS AS FOLLOWS: ON THE OCCASION OF YOUR COUNTRY'S NATIONAL DAY IT IS A PLEASURE FOR ME TO ADDRESS TO YOU AS WELL AS TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE MY WARM CONGRATULATIONS AND MY SINCERE WISHES FOR HAPPINESS AND PROSPERITY.  
DIDIER RATSIRAKAAM

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